

pensioner of the Central Government also and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the corpus of the new Pension Fund will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Various alternative proposals including recommendation of Fifth Central Pay Commission for creation of Pension Fund for Central Government employees are being debated at various levels and fora of Government. Government has not taken any final decision to create a Pension Fund for Central Government servants.

Complaints regarding pensions

†200. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any complaints regarding pensions have been received from Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken for their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A total number of 1034 complaints/grievances relating to various pensionary matters have been received from the pensioners living in the State of Maharashtra during January, 2000 to 31st December, 2000. The complaints belong to two categories:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) complaints of pensioners belonging to Central Government Department;

(ii) complaints from employees belonging to the Maharashtra Government or Maharashtra institutions.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare is the nodal Department for policy making, interpretation of rules and also redressal of grievances of pensioners belonging to the Central Government Departments. Sanction, disbursement and settlement of pension cases of Central Government servants have been fully decentralised and individual Departments are responsible for sanction and disbursement of pension to their pensioners. Employees belonging to State Governments, public sector undertakings and autonomous institutions are governed by the pensionary/retirement benefits as framed/adopted by them. The CCS (Pension) Rules apply only to the Central Government servants.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare receives complaints from Central Government pensioners as well as from the pensioners of various State Governments and autonomous institutions. While the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare facilities settlement of pensions belonging to Central Government, action to settle cases and redressal of grievances of pensioners belonging to the State Governments and their autonomous institutions are to be considered by the respective State Governments and, therefore, complaints received from State Government pensioners are forwarded to the respective State Governments for their consideration. Necessary action has been taken in respect of complaints of both the above mentioned categories of pensioners in accordance with the existing procedure.

Reservation of SCs/STs and OBCs in Privatised Public Sector Units

201. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the privatisation of public sector units, Government have taken necessary steps to ensure that after privatisation these units make similar provisions in their recruitment